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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, March 9,
1812, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe
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Washington March 9. 1812.

Dear Sir

The President will communicate to day to the Congress, the discovery which has been lately made to the government, of an attempt of the British govt. thro' the govr. genl. of Canada [or at least by him with the subsequent approbation of that govt.] to promote division & disunion in the year 1809, the period of difficulty under the embargo, by means of a secret mission to Boston, the object of which was to intrigue with the disaffected. The agent a Captain John Kingh formerly an officer of the UStates, of the Corps of Artillery, appointed in 1798, & having served till 1802 has made the discovery himself, & delivered us all the original documents. He had been promised reward & honor for his service in that affair, & been disappointed, and revenge for the injury is among the strong motives, to the measure on his part. The compromitment of the British govt. is complete to the extent stated; and the compromitment of some leaders of the federal party, by designation & strong circumstances, tho' without naming them, equally clear. He insisted that the people with whom he communicated had broke their faith with him, As the British govt. had,

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& therefore, he could not give them up. The documents carry with them the complete evidence of authenticity. It is not probable that they will be contested. Many will shrink from the tendency they will have, with those acquainted with the events of that period, in the Eastern states, to draw attention to them. I will send you a copy of the documents as soon as they are publish'd, which will be forthwith.

The intimation which I gave you, of the vindication said to have been set up by Genl. Wilkinson of himself against a certain charge, was taken from a member of Congress, who had recd. it, from Dr. Kent, a particular friend of the General. As it was not relied on in the trial, it is probable that it was merely the suggestion of a friend, who hasarded it, to meet a document which was making an unfavorable impression against him. I hope that you continue to enjoy good health. I would give me great pleasure to able to make a visit to my farm for a few days & to have an opportunity of seing you & other friends.

I am hear sir with great respect & esteem, Sincerely your friend Jas. Monroe

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